



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05225.0254

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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 Takeshi Shibata et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1756  
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 Application No.: 10/743,290 ) Examiner: Young, Christopher G.  
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 Filed: December 23, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 7857  
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 For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING )  
 SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
 EQUIPMENT FOR FABRICATING )  
 THE SAME )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**Response to Office Action**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2006, the period for response to which extends through March 22, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are included in this paper beginning on page 2.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.